

REMARKS

Applicant has amended claims 9, 16, and 18. Thus, claims 9-16, and 18 are pending and presented for examination. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Response To Rejections Under Section 103

Claims 9-11 and 13-18 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), the examiner contending that these claims are obvious over Jung (US 2002/0129150 A1) in view of Shrivastava et al. (US 6,163,855).

Independent claims 9, 16, and 18

Applicant has amended independent claims 9, 16, and 18 to include limitations of: “reducing the load placed on the server by preventing a transmission of the availability requests by the plurality of predefinable other clients to the server for a predefinable period of time t_r , wherein the predefinable period of time t_r is calculated by:

$$t_r(a, n, s, v) = \frac{60s}{a \cdot (v \cdot n + s(1 - v))}$$

wherein:

a is request rate per minute sending by the client to the server for the availability requests,

n is a number of clients within the server,

s is a number of subnetworks within the server, and

v is loss rate.”

(paragraph 0007, 0028-0035).

Applicant respectfully submits that none of Jung and Shrivastava et al. disclose the above claimed limitations. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that the independent claims 9, 16, and 18 are patentable and respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraws the Section 103 rejection.

Dependent Claims 10-11, and 13-15

Dependent claims 10-11, and 13-15 are patentable based on their dependency from independent claim 9 as well as based on their own merit. Therefore, withdrawal of the Section 103 rejection is respectfully requested.

Claim 12 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), the examiner contending that claim 12 is obvious over Jung (US 2002/0129150 A1) in view of Shrivastava et al. (US 6,163,855) and further in view of Chen et al. (US 2002/016964 A1).

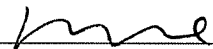
In connection with the discussion above, dependent claim 12 is patentable based on its dependency from independent claim 9 as well as based on its own merit. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraws the Section 103 rejection.

Conclusion

For the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that rejections set forth in the outstanding Office Action are inapplicable to the present claims and specification. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider the rejections and timely pass the application to allowance. Please grant any extension of time required to enter this paper. The commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees due in connection with this paper, including the fees specified in 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 (c), 1.17(a)(1) and 1.20(d), or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 19-2179.

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